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THREE CENTS

Ambert Moody Passes

Ambert G. Moody, 82, associated with the Northfield schools, summer conferences, and the Northfield Hotel since they were founded in 1879 by his uncle, Dwight L. Moody, died suddenly in the Amherst College Infirmary Saturday evening, November 10. He had gone to Amherst, accompanied by Mrs. Moody, to attend an alumni meeting at Amherst College, of which he was a graduate.

Mr. Moody was born in Northfield November 14, 1863. His father, George Moody, was an older brother of Dwight L. Moody who became world famous as an evangelist and later founded Northfield School for Girls, Mount Hermon School for Boys, the Northfield Summer Conferences, and the Northfield Hotel.

Ambert Moody graduated from Mount Hermon in 1888, and from Amherst College in 1892. In college he was a member of Sigma Upsilon Fraternity and was treasurer of his class from graduation until his death. He was a boy of 15 when his uncle opened the school for girls, known then as Northfield Seminary. He served as a man-of-all-work during the early days of the institution but the elder Moody insisted that his nephew complete his education. During both his prep school and college days, however, he retained an active interest in the business affairs of the school.

At 17 he was manager of the farm at Mount Hermon School, which was started in 1881 and before his graduation from college he was appointed manager of the Northfield Hotel, a post which he held, in connection with his other duties, for 43 years.

Among the other official posts filled by Mr. Moody during his long association with the Northfield Schools were: clerk of board of trustees, assistant treasurer, and business manager of the summer conferences. He retired from active duty a few years ago but remained an assistant treasurer and trustee until his death.

"A.G." as Mr. Moody was affectionately known to thousands of hotel and conference guests, students and employees, had the same rugged character and appearance as his uncle. It is said that when his uncle died Ambert said to the founder's son, William Revell Moody, "Will, you shovel on the coal and I'll take out the ashes." This referred to the fact that to "Will" Moody had fallen the responsibility for raising the funds and on Ambert had fallen the responsibility of management.

Chairman of the district draft board during the first World War, he served as a director of the First National Bank and of the Franklin Savings Institution, both of Greenfield, and was long identified with the Congregational Church locally and throughout the state.

On June 13, 1894, Mr. Moody was married to Miss Frances G. Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Wells, at their home in Dover, Illinois. She attended Northfield School for Girls and Wellesley College. In addition to Mrs. Moody the survivors include two sons, A. Gordon Moody of East Northfield and George W. Moody of Springfield; and two daughters, Mrs. George W. Loos of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Earl Marcelle of

Special Town Meeting

About a hundred and fifty voters of this town attended the special town meeting at the Town Hall held Tuesday evening, November 13th, when nine articles in the warrant were given due consideration. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator William F. Hoehn and Mrs. Josephine S. Haskell, town clerk read the Warrant. Provision was voted so that the Assessors might purchase a typewriter; the purchase of a new truck for the street department was allowed by a transfer of \$1500; An allowance was made of \$1500 to pay for snow removal; It was voted that Northfield join in the district administration of veterans affairs and \$450 was voted as our share of costs to carry to next year; The arrangement to provide for a planning board of five members was approved and the appointment of special committee by the Selectmen to consider the merits of a Zoning system and report to the annual meeting was favorably received. All motions were carried by a large majority vote and some were unanimous. The meeting lasted exactly one hour and was adjourned by the Moderator.

We Will Get \$1,000

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the County Court House, there was a meeting of state engineers, county commissioners and selectmen from the 24 county towns to consider community needs under Chapter 90 for highway construction. A total of \$50,200 will be required to meet the several requests and of the sums allocated the town appropriation will be matched by the county and state. Northfield expects the sum of \$1,000 for road construction. Chairman Fred A. Holton of our selectmen attended the session.

Crossnore Box Sent

For the twelfth consecutive year a large box was shipped to Crossnore School in Crossnore, N. C., containing nearly 175 lbs. of good selected clothing and children's toys for use at the school. The box was shipped last week by Central Vermont Railroad and will reach there much before Christmas. At the same time there was sent by parcel post another large package containing many special articles. Mrs. Hoehn desires to thank all who helped to make this large shipment possible. Crossnore will be grateful to Northfield friends.

Miss Pennock Passes

Miss Emma Ruth Pennock of Highland Ave. died Tuesday, November 6, after several years of failing health at the Rest a While nursing home in Greenfield. She was born December 31, 1858, in Pennsylvania and leaves no near relatives. She had made her home with Miss Alice Munde and the late Miss Edna Cullen of this town for the past 20 years. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church the following Friday and burial was in the West Northfield cemetery. Rev. Joseph Reeves officiated.

Worcester. There are also six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at two o'clock at the Congregational Church and interment was in the Center Cemetery.

Local Lodge Installs

Harmony Lodge of Masons have installed their recently chosen officials. The services of installation were held Thursday evening November 8th at the Masonic hall on Parker Street and the installing officers were: Frank A. Yeaw as Master, a past District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic district; George R. Wilcox, past Master of Republican Lodge as Marshall; Malcolm Buteman, past Master as Chaplain; Arthur L. Staples, past Master; Roy D. Peterson, past Master; Harold Z. eZiner, past Master, all of Republican Lodge assisted. Bruce Bottomly was pianist. The following were the officials of Harmony Lodge installed:—

Horace W. Bolton, W. Master; Ralph S. Livernoise, Senior Warden; George M. Leonard, Junior Warden; Ralph M. Forsaith, Treasurer; Merritt C. Skilton, Secretary; Walter W. Hyde, Chaplain; Charles L. Johnson, Marshall; George H. Sheldon, Senior Deacon; Edward C. Bolton, Junior Deacon; Joseph G. Morgan, Senior Steward; Leon E. Whitmore, Junior Steward; George W. Carr, Tyler.

A reception was tendered the visitors and refreshments were served.

To Show Prints

A permanent collection of Latin American prints owned by Thomas J. Watson, president of the International Business Machines Co. of New York, will be on exhibit at the home science hall of the Northfield School for Girls from November 12 to 28. Hours of display and showing are 8:30 to 6:00 and Sundays from 11:00 to 6:00. The public is invited to visit.

Given Fine Welcome

Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding, who will serve as the superintendent and matron of the Vernon Home of the Advent Christian denomination at South Vernon were given a welcoming party at the home last week, Wednesday evening. In a program of music and readings which had been arranged for the evening, Rev. F. H. Leavitt extended the hand of fellowship and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding to their task. Mr. Spaulding responded with well directed words and asked for the co-operation of all friends. Rev. E. W. Blackstone presided and opened the program. A social time followed and refreshments were served. There was a large attendance of friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Spaulding were missionaries to China for seven years. Mr. Spaulding has held Advent Christian pastorates in Pittsfield, Eatontown, N. J., North Scituate, R. I., and Detroit, Mich. He has occupied the pulpit of the local church several times.

Rev. and Mrs. Spaulding have a son and three daughters. Their son, Willis, who is married, and their oldest daughter, Esther, are students at the New England School of Theology in Brookline. Their other two daughters, Ruth and Barbara, are attending Brattleboro high school.

Tuesday evening, the 13th, proved a popular gathering night. At the Town Hall the young folks dancing class was held and the Seniors of the High school held a rehearsal of their coming play. At the Grange there was a session with the annual election of officials and at the Alexander Hall the newly formed PTA held a meeting.

Girls At Wellesley

It will be quite interesting for friends to learn that many of the graduates of the Northfield School for Girls who are attending Wellesley have taken important responsibilities of the student body there. Miss Virginia Guild, Northfield '43, a senior at Wellesley, is president of the Forum; Miss Mary Alice Carey '44 is a sophomore and chairman of the conference committee and of the superior court a member; Miss Nancy Bartram '44 is secretary of college government; Miss Jane Parker '44 is secretary of "Barnswallows," the dramatic club; Miss Jeanne Maurer '42 is associate chorister; Miss Hope Freeman '43 is publicity chairman Christian Association; and Miss Elinor Peck '42 is vice-president of the Christian Association. These young ladies are carrying the traditions of Northfield into their activities at Wellesley College.

To Hike Boundary

The time has come when it will be the privilege of the selectmen to hike the boundaries of the town and a schedule has already been made. The boundary lines adjoining the towns of Bernardston, of Gill, of Erving and of Warwick will each be traversed on different dates, when the selectmen of these towns, along their boundaries will keep company and each check on their taxable property. Lets hope pleasant weather will prevail on each date selected and that the selectmen will enjoy their excursion into woods, and take enough time to enjoy the singing of the birds and the call of the wild.



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Town Topics

Harry A. Erickson of the faculty of Mount Hermon school will be in Boston today to represent the school at the New England meeting of English teachers.

Cpl. Gilbert Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield is now serving in Japan with the forces.

Lt. Raymond F. Kervian, who has served for 19 months with the 88th division of the Army in Italy, returned here recently and spent a short leave with his wife and two children at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kervian at the Farms. The Lieutenant is now at Fort Dix, N. J.

Fred P. Janes has transferred to Florence C. Janes his undivided interest in land on Main Street according to a transfer filed at the Registry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence, R. I., who have been spending some time with members of their family at their summer cottage on Myrtle Street have closed the same and returned to their home for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frederickson of Greenfield who recently purchased a summer home in Mountain Park and named the same "Linwood" spent Armistice day holiday here and closed the house for the winter. Much improvement has been made in the property and they hope to occupy early in the spring.

The County Beekeepers Association will hold their next regular meeting in the commissioners room at the county Court house on Monday, Nov. 26. Willis Parker and Carroll Miller of this town, well known bee enthusiasts are on the committee which is preparing the program for the year.

Mrs. William Barr and Mrs. Selah Harriman were the hostesses at a meeting of the Unitarian Women's Alliance held in the church vestry on Thursday afternoon Nov. 8. Mrs. Oler Doolittle the president presided.

The Misses Amy and Maud Hamilton have arrived in Florida, where they will spend the winter season. They made the journey by automobile in a leisurely manner and visited many interesting places en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bolton and family with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pearson, are domiciled in their new home at the Holton Homestead near Mount Herman. The property was purchased by Mr. Bolton recently, who conducts a dairy farm.

The first concert of the season of the Pioneer Valley Symphony will be given this Friday evening, the 16th, at eight o'clock in the Greenfield High school auditorium. The second concert will be Friday evening February 10 and the third will be a popular "pop" concert at the Armory on Friday evening, May 10. Postmaster M. C. Skilton of the East Northfield Postoffice will take reservations for tickets.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting at Masonic Hall Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, with a goodly attendance of members.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Garson of Newark, N. J., announce the birth of a daughter, Jean Louise, Wednesday, September 26th. Mrs. Garson is the former Ruth DesJardins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley DesJardins, summer residents of Rustic Ridge.

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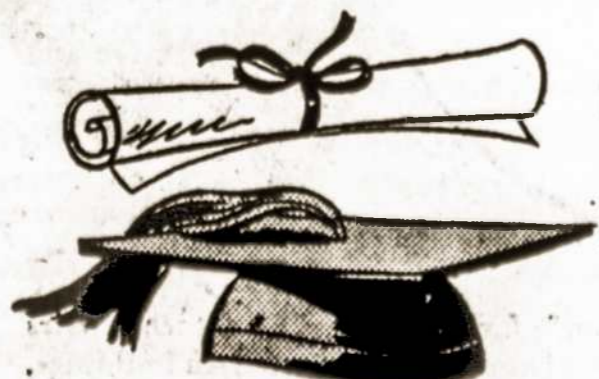
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The annual fall rally of the County Christian Endeavor Union was held in Northfield at the Congregational church Saturday, the 10th, with a large number of delegates present. In the morning hours a visit was made by auto to Mount Monadnock, a luncheon at noon and special exercises in the afternoon at which Dr. Paul McClurkin was the guest speaker on "Why be half alive."

Mark Wright, BKR3c, is enjoying a leave from the service and is at his home on Warwick Ave. with his wife and young son, Raymond. He entered the service in January, 1944, and after training, finally at a bakers cooking school in Florida was assigned to a submarine. He has seen service in Pearl Harbor and Guam and was in Japan waters at the time of the surrender. He expects soon to be discharged.

Mrs. Amos Field and her daughter, Alma, have closed their home here and gone to their winter residence in Orlando, Florida.

The will of the late, Dr. Cyrus T. Sherman of this town, who died last September 3, has been filed in Probate Court. He leaves his estate to his wife, Angelia M. Sherman, who is also named executrix.

Miss Gloria Savcheff of this town, who is attending Boston University, has been elected president of the Junior class.

Mrs. Ethel Whalen Edwards of Hartford, Conn., has sold the "Whalen cottage" on Pine Road on Rustic Ridge to John H. Hann, Jr., of Springfield, Mass., who with his family will occupy for summer residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson have purchased a small tract of land on the east side of Birman Road from the L. R. Smith estate.

The Southern-Vermont Northfield club held a gathering of its members at the Brooks Hotel in Brattleboro on Saturday November 10. Miss Elsie Scott of the faculty of the School for Girls was the guest speaker.

Eugene L. Hutchinson of South Vernon and George A. Phelps of East Northfield have enlisted for service in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood and members of their family have arrived safely at their home in San Gabriel, California. Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Baldwin of York Beach, Me., are occupying their home here on Main Street, while their daughter is attending the School for Girls.

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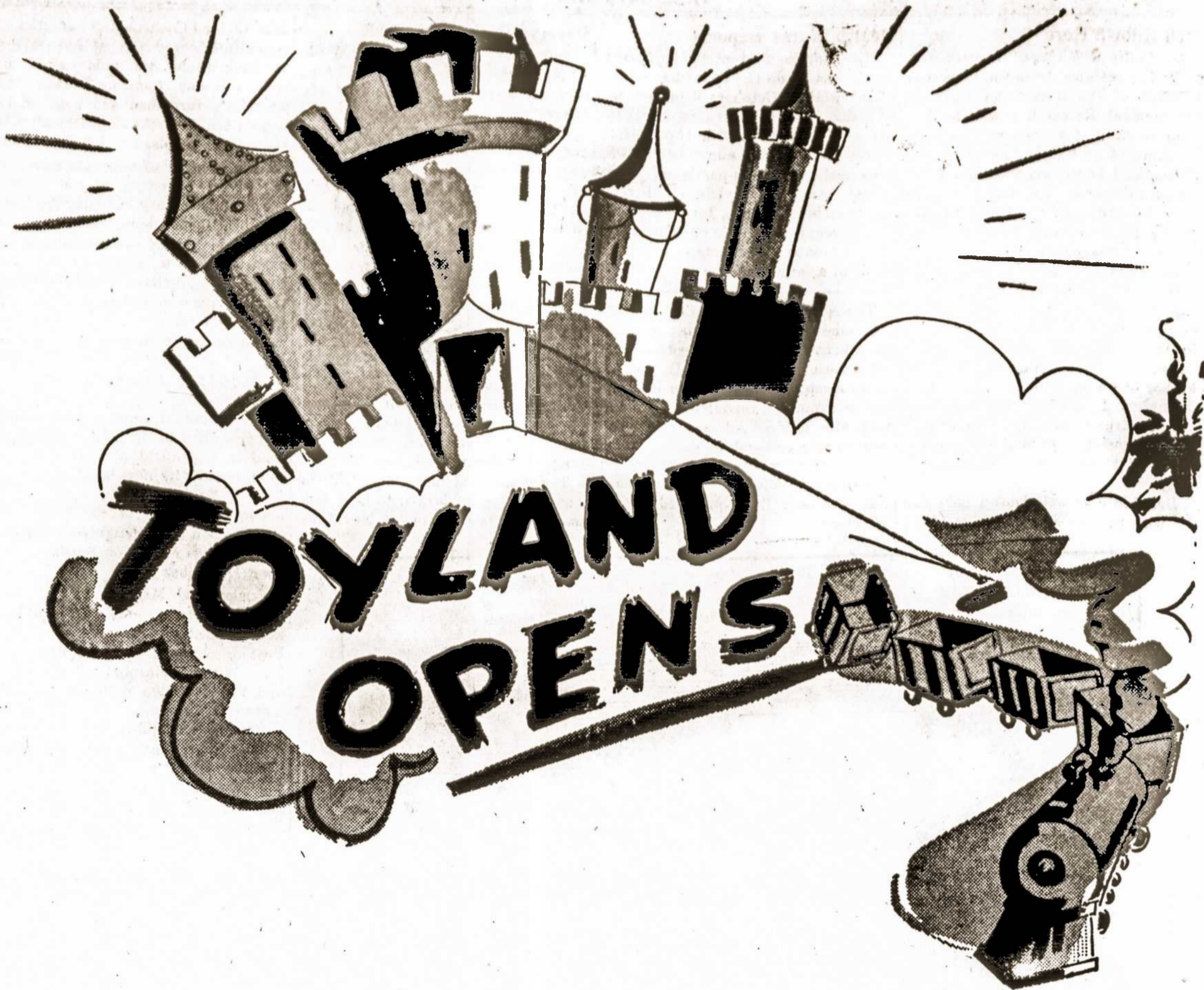
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Goddard Winterbottom has been recently chosen as president of the local Unitarian Youth group.

Peter Biagotti and Miss Lena Biagotti, who recently sold their business and home on the Hinsdale Road, are spending some time visiting relatives in Montreal.

Mrs. Frank Wood of the Farms observed her 80th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 3, when a family party enjoyed a special dinner. Mrs. Wood, who has been quite ill and has an attendant nurse was able to sit at the table with her guests.

Capt. W. L. Marshall, Jr., USMCR, was in town for a few days last week on business connected with the Jane-way estate on Winchester road.

The basic rate for the compulsory insurance on private passenger automobiles for district 16 in which Northfield is located is tentatively fixed at \$15.30 with guest occupant coverage at \$2. Our insurance agents will soon be writing our policies.

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Dr. Philip R. White of Grovers Mill, N. J., has resigned from the Princeton Division of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research where he has been working for thirteen years on problems of growth and nutrition. On December 1 he will organize and direct his own department of tissue cultures work in relationship to tumor growth at the Institute for Cancer Research and the Lankenau Hospital Research Institute of Philadelphia.

He was the recipient of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Award in 1937, and in 1938 the award of the American Society of Plant Physiologists. He is author of the handbook of plant tissue cultures and one of the founders of the Journal Growth and the International Growth Society. Dr. White is active in the Soviet American Friendship Society.

Dr. White is well known here and his wife is the eldest daughter of the

Health Nurse Reports

Miss Natalie Gowen, Public Health nurse, has made the following report of her work in October: Total number of visits, 126; chronic cases, 68; acute cases, 37; infant health supervision, three; adult health supervision, two; preschool health supervision, four; school health supervision, 12; telephone calls for advice, 11; transportation, three; a diphtheria clinic held last month treated 33 children, the first clinic of a series of three.

The Northfield Garden Club held its November meeting Monday evening the 5th, at Alexander Hall with a large attendance. The president, Dr. George A. Bronson, presided and an interesting program was rendered. The secretary, Mrs. Mildred Addison, reports an increasing membership.

late George Arthur Smith, whose home was just over the Northfield line in Winchester.

Observe Book Week

This week is National Book Week. At Mount Hermon in Schaffer library there is displayed some 200 of the newest and latest books recently issued. The exhibit is arranged by and under the direction of Miss Jean Kenway the librarian and is attracting considerable attention by the students. At Talcott library of the School for Girls another most interesting exhibit is being made and during the week invited speakers will speak on the contents of several books. The theme for Book Week will be "Books that interpret our times."

Town Topics

Mrs. Louise Barber of Hollywood, Calif., has arrived and will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Whitman on Highland Ave.

The supper and "open house" of the American Legion proved to be a very successful affair on Monday, Nov. 12th.

Mrs. Cleland Cochran and her efficient committee served a capacity crowd at the supper and hundreds visited the new veterans quarters. They are splendidly furnished and most inviting. A register was signed by all who visited the rooms.

At a meeting of representatives of the fire departments of the various towns in the county including Amherst and Brattleboro held last Sunday in Greenfield a plan was considered for mutual aid in a system to meet any possible emergency. Chief Ferris of the Greenfield department offered the plan of an interchange of equipment and a coverage in case of a serious fire. Chief Charles Johnson of the Northfield fire department was in attendance.

The Mount Hermon school council has presented to the YMCA campaign fund in Greenfield a contribution of \$100, toward its new building.

Miss Marion Keller, head of the music department of the School for Girls gave a most delightful organ recital in Sage chapel on Sunday afternoon November 11.

Ensign and Mrs. Richard R. Williams are the parents of a son born last week at the Richardson house in Boston. Grandparents are Major and Mrs. William Marshall of this town and Mrs. Mathilda Williams of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Eleanor Gulick Gutterson gave a most interesting talk on "Uprooted Americans" at a group meeting of women of the Congregational church last week, Wednesday evening. Miss Sophie Servaes, the president, presided and there was a program of music.

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In the name of the living — we thank Thee, Lord,
For deliverance from flame and sword;
For loved ones spared; for the task well done;
For the battle fought — and the victory won.

In the name of the dead — locked deep in sleep
Under alien earth — give us strength to keep
Untarnished their dear-bought legacy,
The brave, bright armor of liberty.

And for those unborn — Lord, we lift a prayer
For a wiser world where we all may share
A lasting amity with men.
We thank Thee, Lord, for peace.

Amen.

This Thanksgiving poem was written by Anne M. Lawler of Philadelphia

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